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In re application of: Hiroshi YAMANE et al.  
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2003, for which the period for response has been extended one month, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.